IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

RUTH L. MARTINEZ, et al., Plaintiffs, 2 CIVIL NO. 98-1552 (RLA) v. 3 ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ, Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs, 5 v. 6 CARIBBEAN AIRLINES SERV., INC., et al., Third-Party Defendants. 7 8 MARIANA T. TERRITO, et al., 9 Plaintiffs, 10 CIVIL NO. 98-1583 (RLA) v. 11 CARIBBEAN AIRLINES SERV., INC., et al., Defendants. 12 ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ, 13 Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs, 14 v. 15 THE CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY, et al., Third-Party Defendants. 16 17

ORDER DISMISSING "FIRST PARTY" CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINTS AGAINST CESSNA AND AVCO

The Court having reviewed the arguments presented by the parties agrees with petitioners' position that the "first party" claims seeking compensatory damages directly from the third-party defendants are both procedurally defective as well as time-barred.

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Accordingly, Defendant The Cessna Aircraft Company's Motion to Dismiss... filed on August 10, 1999 (docket No. 40)¹ and Third-Party Defendant Avco Corp.'s Motion to Dismiss... filed on August 13, 1999 (docket No. 42)² are hereby GRANTED as follows.

CESSNA

Counts V and VII of the third-party complaint filed by the ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ and his son in Civ. No. 98-1552 on June 8, 1999 (docket No. 28) and Counts II and III of the third-party complaint filed by the ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ and his son in Civ. No. 98-1583 on June 24, 1999 (docket No. 32) are hereby DISMISSED insofar as they relate to CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO.

Partial Judgment shall be entered accordingly.

It is further ORDERED that the indemnification claims asserted against CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO. in Count IV the aforementioned third-party complaint filed in Civ. No. 98-1552 and Count I of the aforementioned third-party complaint filed in Civ. No. 98-1583 remain outstanding.

¹ All docket numbers pertain to Civ. No. 98-1552.

 ² <u>See</u> Defendant and Third-party Plaintiff the Estate of Fernando Lopez's Opposition... filed on August 20, 1999 (docket No. 43). Cessna Aircraft's Motion for Leave to File Reply, filed on August 25, 1999 (docket No. 44) and Motion Joining Cessna Aircraft's Reply... filed by AVCO CORP. on August 31, 1999 are GRANTED.

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It is further ORDERED that unless third-party plaintiffs properly serve CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO. with all pertinent pleadings and submit evidence thereof on or before September 30, 1999, the claims asserted against it will be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

AVCO/LYCOMING

Counts V and VII of the third-party complaint filed by the ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ and his son in Civ. No. 98-1552 on June 8, 1999 (docket No. 28) and Counts II and III of the third-party complaint filed by the ESTATE OF FERNANDO LOPEZ and his son in Civ. No. 98-1583 on June 24, 1999 (docket No. 32) are hereby DISMISSED insofar as they relate to AVCO CORP. incorrectly named as LYCOMING ENGINE CO., LYCOMING ENGINE CORP. and LYCOMING TEXTRON CORP.

Partial Judgment shall be entered accordingly.

It is further ORDERED that the indemnification claims asserted against AVCO CORP. incorrectly named as LYCOMING ENGINE CO., LYCOMING ENGINE CORP. and LYCOMING TEXTRON CORP. in Count IV the aforementioned third-party complaint filed in Civ. No. 98-1552 and Count I of the aforementioned third-party complaint filed in Civ. No. 98-1583 remain outstanding.

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CIVIL NO. 98-1552 (RLA) Page 4 CIVIL NO. 98-1583 (RLA) 1 pleadings and submit evidence thereof on or before September 30, 2 1999 the claims asserted against it will be dismissed for lack of prosecution. 4 5 IT IS SO ORDERED. 6 San Juan, Puerto Rico, this day of September, 1999. 7 8 ACOSTA 9 United States District Judge 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26